Deaths due to drunken driving

735. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 15 per cent of all road deaths in our country are caused by people driving under the influence of alcohol and about one lakh people die in road accidents in our country every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Law Commission has drafted a new traffic discipline report that sets stringent penalties for traffic violators on Indian roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No Sir. As per the latest reported available data, the total number of person killed in the road accidents on account of drunken driving during the calendar year 2006 was 8313, which is about 7.86% of the total persons killed (1,05,749) in road accidents during the same year. It is, however, a fact that during the year 2006 (latest available data), 1,05,749 persons were killed in road accidents.

(b) The total number of Road accidents, persons killed in road accidents, total number of road accidents caused due to drunken driving and the total number of persons killed on roads due to drunken driving during the last three calendar years (2004,2005, & 2006) were as under:

Year	Total No. of Road accidents	Total number of persons killed in road accidents	Total number of road accidents caused due to drunken driving	Total number of persons killed on account of drunken driving	Percentage of persons killed due to drunken driving
2004	429910	92618	22386	6438	6.95%
2005	439255	94968	26375	8090	8.52%
2006	460920	105749	28373	8313	7.86%

(c) and (d) This Ministry has recently received a consultation paper on legal reforms to combat road accidents from Law Commission of India for seeking views/comments. However, this Ministry has not received any new traffic discipline report drafted by the Law Commission of India.

Road projects in Arunachal Pradesh

736. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects currently in progress in Arunachal Pradesh and the total length of roads proposed to be built there;

(b) whether any time-frame has been fixed for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?